

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 31 MAY 1960

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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

1. New Work

a. D/GC

It is planned to issue a GM on South Vietnam sometime in August.

b. D/GC

Work has been completed on the Telecommunications Atlas. D/GC met the originally set deadlines on this rather sizeable job.

2. Travel Plans

a. IGU Meetings

25X1A9a [REDACTED] inquired as to the progress on preparations being made for the IGU meetings.

b. D/GC -- [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

25X1A9a [REDACTED] is leaving on 1 June for an Area Familiarization Trip to the Middle East. Egypt has been excluded from the original itinerary.

c. D/OL -- [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

25X1A9a [REDACTED] will travel on a TDY to Europe beginning the end of June.

3. Significant Conversations and Contacts

a. Briefing of [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

[REDACTED], is scheduled to be briefed by GRA on 1 and 2 June. The schedule, as presently set up, is as follows:

1 June.....0930 -- Ch/G
1200 -- Lunch with Ch/G and Staff
1330 -- D/GC

2 June.....0930 -- D/GC
1330 -- D/GC

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b. NIS Chapter IX Meeting

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██████████ reported on a meeting he attended on the revision of Chapter IX format.

4. Translation Machine

A memo has been sent to each of the Division Chiefs asking about potential use of a translation machine. Divisions have been asked to submit translation requirements (by language and number of pages) to Chief/G by 6 June, which would cover all of their needs.

5. Cancellation of Geographic Intelligence Review

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██████████ reported that the production of the Geographic Intelligence Review has been cancelled; GIR 1-60, which is now in Reproduction, will be the final issue. Articles which would ordinarily have been issued in the GIR will come out in one of the other report categories. There was some discussion on the possibility of issuing the "map evaluation" articles as part of the Map Acquisitions Lists; ██████████ will discuss this further.

6. Cartography Division Manual

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██████████ reported on a D/GC committee which was set up three or four months ago to write up a Division Manual. Material submitted by ██████████ as attachments to her trip report will be incorporated into this manual as appropriate.

7. D/GL Quarters at Vital Storage

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It has been proposed by ██████████ that funds be allocated to improve on the lighting in the new Map Library quarters at Vital Storage, where it is reported lighting is very poor. ██████████ asked that ██████████ look into this to see whether the expenditure is necessary.

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8. Training

a. Language Training

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██████████, D/GG, is scheduled to start Russian language training on 6 June in order to qualify as an interpreter.

b. OSI Elint Course

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██████████ stated that he found the OSI Elint course which he attended to be very worth-while.

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9. New IRC/M Secretary

25X1A9a [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
[REDACTED] is replacing [REDACTED] as Secretary
25X1A9a [REDACTED] at IRC/M; [REDACTED] is resigning in early July.
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10. GA Slot in Africa

25X1A9a [REDACTED] reported that approval of the GA Slot for Africa is very unlikely this Fiscal Year.

11. OSI "Round-up" of Soviet Gravity Work

25X1A9a [REDACTED] reported that CG/X has received a request from OSI for contributions to their "Round-up" on Soviet Gravity Work. This will be routed to Ch/G before going to OSI.